tion, are located near the coast, and so may be regarded as reasonably safe and sure of escape, even in the event of the extension of the "Boxer" outbreak all over the country. This exception is Consul Smithers, a escape, even in the event of the extension of the "Boxer" outbreak all over the coun-try. This exception is Consul Smithers, a son of Enoch G. Smithers of Delaware, who is stationed at Chingkung. He is about as far away from the seaboard as he could be far away from the seabcard as he could be in China, being stationed at a point on a tributary of the Yangtse Klang about 3,500 miles from the mouth of that river. The officials hope that owing to the distance news of the Boxer uprising in the east may not reach Smithers' post for many months. If it does reach there sooner he may be obliged to retire into Thibet, even though that country is not particularly safe for foreigners.

Mr. Smithers is regarded as unlucky. He was deprived of his position during the last

was deprived of his position during the last session of Congress by the appointment to his post of a Mr. Miller of Oregon. But Mr. Miller is now at Nagasaki and Mr. Smith-ers has been obliged under the regulation to walt at Chingkung until his successor

Minister Wn Without News. The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu, was una ble to communicate any news regarding China when a Star reporter called upor him this afternoon.

Minister Wu stated that he had remained firm in his decision not to make an address in Philadelphia tomorrow which he had been invited to deliver.

An Early Cablegram.

Secretary Hay received, early in the day, a cablegram from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai, dated July 2, which is practically a condensation of the report brough to Shanghal by a cruiser from Sir Robert Hart, inspector general of customs. The dispatch says: "The diplomats and mis-sionaries are in the British legation under rifle fire. Cannon command the legation, but they are not being used. The British, German and Italian legations are still

Agents resident in the United States of Chinese houses are receiving cablegrams countermanding orders of goods previously placed, where possible, and suspending de-liveries in other cases.

CONFER AND CONCUR.

Fire Underwriters Take Action Con

The Association of Fire Underwriters of the District, at a meeting yesterday afterandopted a resolution authorizing the president to appoint a committee "to confer and to concur" with the Washington committee of the Middle Department. This lat ter committee will come to this city next Tuesday, at the request of the local association, for the purpose of making itself familiar with the difficulties which are con recommend some mode of adjustment.

It was suggested at the meeting that the president of the association, Mr. Myer Cohen, might reappoint the committee of seven which went to Philadelphia recently and laid the case of the District insurance underwriters before the committee of the Middle Department. Mr. Cohen may act upon this suggestion, but he will not announce the names of the committee until near the end of the week.

The discussion at the meeting of the as-

The discussion at the meeting of the as-eciation yesterday before this action was taken was not lengthy, but at times con siderable feeling was manifested. The prin cipal objection was made to the word "concur," it being urged that the visiting committee should be allowed to examine into the local situation in the way that it might select, and that its conclusions be reported to the association for its action. However, it was argued that the committee of the Middle Department would not be willing to undertake this duty unless it feit assured that the committee with which it conferred would have power to act for the association, and that any decision reached by the two committees would be binding on all the members of the association. It was also maintained that the word "concur" was not used in the sense of the cipal objection was made to the concur" was not used in the sense of th association delegating to its committee full power to act for the association, but that the committee would have to report back to the association, and action by the latter body would be necessary before its conclu-sions could be put in force. It was main-tained, on the other hand, that that is not what the word "concur" is generally un-

derstood to mean.

It is expected that in addition to meeting this committee of the local associations. is committee of the local association, the sitors will also have an opportunity of inferring fully with the representatives of

IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Enlisted Yeomen Appointed Copylats and Assistant Messengers.

In accordance with the provisions of the special rule approved by the President, May 24, and under the provisions of the act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 39 pays the following payed enlisted in the navy, who were detailed for duty in the Navy Department at Washington dur-ing the Spanish-American war, have been transferred to the classified service and appointed copyists at \$840 per annum or assistant messengers at \$720 per annum in the bureau of navigation, Navy Depart-

R. Thorne, James G. Noves, A. C. Fowle R. Thorne, James G. Noyes, A. C. Fowle, A. L. Turner, E. B. Donan, C. R. Hillyer, William A. Bail, George E. Will, D. H. Lyman, J. H. Taylor, Charles B. Cheyney, C. W. Howard, John T. Cuthbert, C. J. Parks, John Helmus, Frank S. Himrichs, F. A. Falmer, A. H. McCormick, Jr., Otls D. Swett, Leroy Kirkwoof, D. B. Miller and A. B. Penn.

The following yeomen have been trans-

and A. B. Penn.

The following yeomen have been transferred to copyists at \$840 per annum in the bureau of medicine and surgery; Frank J. Mulhall and Charles L. Magee.

TWENTY YEARS EACH.

Bix Men Sentenced by Court for Criminal Assault.

Justice Cole, in Criminal Court No. 2,

has overruled motions for new trials in the cases of Robert Pendleton, Frank Turner, Joseph Mack, Howard Berry, James Gray and Henry Ware, recently convicted of rape, and has sentenced each of the defendants to imprisonment for twenty years in the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundswille.

The complaining witness against the parties mentioned was a young white woman named Dora Linkins. She declared that

pamed Dora Linkins. She declared that the prisoners dragged her into the bushes near the James Creek canal and assaulted her one night last August.

Pendleton and those tried with him had three trials. The first resulted in con-viction and sentences of thirty years each were imposed. On the ground of newly-dis-covered evidence a second trial was grant-ed, but the jury failed to agree. There-fore a third hearing of the case was es-sential.

J. F. Manning & Co.'s Improvement. Work has begun on the new building being erected by J. F. Manning & Co. on the

corner of 14th and H streets. It will be a one-story pebble-dash-front building and will be used as an art studio for the display of Italian and other imported marble statuary, bric-a-brac, etc. March & Peters are the architects and Burgess & Richardson the builders. It will be ready for occupancy about September 1, at which time the art statuary now at 122 Pennsylvania avenue will be removed to the new building.

The following additional subscriptions have been received at the office of The Evening Star for the benefit of the famin Heretofore acknowledged.....

\$142.00 Rumor of More Murder.

LONDON, July 3.-A special dispatch from Shanghai says Chinese reports are current that two other foreign ministers were murdered the same day as Baron von From the same sources it is declared that

the Mission Hospital at Moukden has been destroyed by fire, and that the native Christians have been massacred. It is further asserted that the foreigners fied to

Bryan Will Not Accept Nomination on Modified Platform.

MAKES THE STATEMENT TO FRIENDS

Believed, However, That He Wil Not Dictate Running Mate.

HOT CONVENTION WEATHER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 3 .- "Bryan will ot run on any platform which does not ontain a specific declaration in favor of free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1. If this convention does not put that declaration in the platform it will have to nominate anther candidate for President.

This statement was made today to the Associated Press by Judge A. S. Tibbitts of incoln, delegate-at-large from Mr. Bryan's own state, and chairman of the state delegation to this convention. It serves to emphasize the determined stand taken by the Nebraska statesman. His declaration is that he stands for a principle, and those who would have him change or modify his riews are swinging simply in the wind of xpediency.

Cato Seils, chairman of the Iowa delegaion, who had a three hours' conference with Mr. Bryan just before he came to Kansas City, not only reaffirms the state-ment made by Judge Tibbitts, but amplifies

"After talking with Mr. Bryan for some "After talking with Mr. Bryan for some time," said Mr. Seils, "with respect to his position and to the attitude his friends ought to assume in this convention, I asked him this blunt question: "Suppose the convention should refuse to adopt a platform containing a distinct declaration in favor of free coinage at 16 to 1?"
"Then," said Mr. Bryan, emphatically, 'I will not run as the candidate."

Convention Will Submit. That the convention will bow to Mr. Bryan's desires, nobody who comes in contact with the delegates can doubt for an instant. Some discordant elements are here but they are not menacing. A few men assert with a positiveness quite serious that assert with a positiveness quite serious that they propose to carry the fight to the floor of the convention. Such a contest in the convention would no doubt be dramatic, perhaps a sensational performance, but it would not only not serve any useful purpose, but might put away the chance of a victory new loval democrat. light of every loyal democrat.

Philadelphia, the democratic leaders are Philadelphia, the democratic leaders are urging every possible recalcitrant to get into line for harmony. To the end that harmony may be a distinguishing feature of the convention, a conference of many leaders of the various elements allied in opposition to the republican party is even now being held. The conferees are in session at the Kansas City Club, the headquarters of the national committee. Among those present are National Chairman Jones, Richard Croker, John W. Kern, democratic candidate for governor of Indiana, and other leaders among the democrats, Senator Teller, Former Senator Dubois, Former Congressman Hartmann and Judge Brown Congressman Hartmann and Judge Brown of the silver republicans and Senators Allen, Pettigrew, Butler and Heitfeld of the populists. It is distinctly a harmony conference. All are willing to make concessions in order that peace may prevail n the convention

Croker and Hill in Accord.

In connection with Richard Croker's pres nce at the conference, it is understood, upon authority that may scarcely be quesloned, that he and former Governor Hill have a thorough understanding, and are in perfect accord as to their action in the convention. They will do everything in their power, it is maintained, to advance the in-terests of the party and the ticket nominated by the convention.

It is suggested, very strongly, that neither Mr. Croker nor Mr. Hill desires the nomination of Towne for Vice President.

While the New York delegation has not presented formally any candidate, it is known that Hill favors the nomination of Eliot Danforth, and that Mr. Croker quietly is pressing the claims of Judge Augustus Van Wyck.

Van Wyck.
Stranger things have happened in many a convention than the nomination of either Danforth or Van Wyck would be. Notwithstanding the fact that Towne seems now to have the most distinct call for the nomination, it cannot be disguised that many delegates want a straight-out democrat on the and perhaps one or two other eaastern states. So prevalent is this belief and so strong is the hold it has taken on the delegates during the past few hours that Mr. Bryan, who is thought to favor Towne, may make a concession on the vice presidential candidate, even if he will not on the platform.

Will Meet Tomorrow at Noon.

The convention will be called to order to morrow at noon, and unless present plans ere upset, William J. Bryan will be nominated for the presidency at the first ses-sion. He is to be presented to the American people as the Fourth of July candidate The scene gives promise of being one of the most dramatic that ever was seen in a political convention. According to pro-gram, Mr. Bryan is to be brought to Kan-

gram, Mr. Bryan is to be brought to Kan-sas City by a special notification and escort committee, and he will deliver his speech accepting the nomination in the same hall as his nomination was made. In the hope of witnessing this great polit-ical scene thousands upon thousands of peo-ple are coming to Kansas City from the nearby states. The demand upon the na-tional committee for seats in the conven-tion hall is said to be almost unprecedented. Tens of thousands of applications for tick-Tens of thousands of applications for tick ets have been received from Kansas, Ne braska, Missouri and other trans-Mississip pi states. Quite naturally forty-nine ou of every fifty of the applicants are doome to disappointment. Each state has been

of every fifty of the applicants are doomed to disappointment. Each state has been assigned its quota of seats and that is all it will get. This city, the people of which have done so much for the convention, has been allotted 1,500 tickets.

Today is a duplicate of yesterday as to weather. It is sweltering hot, but the intensity of the heat is tempered slightly by a brisk southern breeze. Indeed, if it were not for the breeze the heat on the streets would be intolerable to anybody but a salamander.

NEBRASKA'S INTEREST IN TOWNE.

Both a Matter of Sentiment and Prac-tical Politics. LINCOLN, Neb., July 3.—The tide of dem-

ocratic humanity turned outward from Lincoln today, most of Mr. Bryan's visitors City. By tonight practically all will be gone and to add to the exodus are 500 mem bers of Lincoln democratic marching clubs Congressman James Kerr of Pennsyl vania, the last man with a special mission to arrive from Kansas City following close-ly on the heels of David B. Hill, was uncommunicative as his predecessor as to his visit and its object. The impression gains ground that the Nebraska delegates are the

ground that the Nebraska delegates are the authorized keepers of the Bryan secret, and that his wishes concerning the platform and second place on the ticket, if he has any choice of running mates, will be divuiged when the proper time arrives, by the men from his own state.

The wearing of Towne badges by the Nebraskans at Kansas City has no significance outside of Nebraska. The coupling of the mames of Bryan and Towne does not commit Mr. Bryan to support of the Minnesotan, but merely represents the views of the delegates themselves and is in reality a token of their desire to maintain the equilibrium of the fusion agreement between the democrats and populists of this state. They will support Mr. Towne partly because they like him and think him fit material, but largely from a Nebraska standpoint, because it is good politics. Should Mr. Towne, now classed as a populist, be nominated the democratic minority in Nebraska can ask a return of the favor of the populist majority either at the fusion state con-

vention the 11th of this month or at some future time.

The feature in Lincoln today is the departure for the convention dity of a train load of enthusiastic supporters of Mr. Bryan from his own town. They include the Nebraska Traveling Men's Bryan Club, who will carry all the brilliant colors that can be combined, the Bryan Home Guards, the Continental Guards and a military band. They will reach Kansas City tonight.

Mr. Bryan will have few visitors today and will improve the opportunity to get all and will improve the opportunity to get all the rest he can preparatory to the crush which is expected in Lincoln at the conclu-

which is expected in Lincoln at the concu-aion of the convention.

While Mr. Bryan has stated distinctly that he will not attend the convention, if the delegates, before adjourning, request his presence to address them, it is thought he will not refuse.

FIGHT FOR SECOND PLACE.

Towns Men Are Confident-The Other Considered Possibilities. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 8.-The Towne en today are more confident than ever that they will nominate their man for Vice ent. They say the fight is between Towns and Danforth of New York, and the question of expediency will not be considered. Danforth is the personal and po litical friend of David B. Hill. Already the point is being made that he is Hill's candidate, and that he is to be named for the purpose of conciliating Hill for the manner in which his suggestions were treated by Mr. Bryan on his recent visit to treated by Mr. Bryan on his recent visit to Lincoln. This is a feature, however, which cuts both ways, as there is an element among the delegates who do not feel like offering anything in the way of clive branches. It is known that Hill and his friends have some hesitancy about pushing Danforth for the nomination, because they have doubts of success if there is a distinct declaration for 16 to 1. The fact that the New Yorkers seem willing to allow the convention to take its own course without making any determined effort to name a candidate has given the Towns men a making any determined effort to name a candidate has given the Towne men a great deal of encouragement, and they are codey more aggressive than ever. But from the quarters of the eastern men, particular-ly New York and the Suizer element, comes a story of a different nature. The eastern lelegation is absolutely quiescent on any of delegation is absolutely quiescent on any of the direct issues in platform or as to can-didates. They assert that they are for anything the western silver delegates may decide upon. Hill's name, they say, will not be considered.

Belmont Not Considered.

Belmont, who has been mentioned, is not even considered by the silver element. Western and southern representatives as sert that the fight for the vice presidentia situation has narrowed down to two men, both personal friends of William Jennings Bryan, and both alleged to be absolutely acceptable. They are Towne of Minnesota and Sulzer of New York. Of the two men they agree Towne has the better of the contest, because it is pointed out that he will represent a fusion of all the silver

Mr. Sulzer was inclined to be reticent today when he was told of this situation. He admitted that he knew the east had practically decided to let the convention be dominated by the western men, and admitted that Mr. Towne was the leader in the race by stying:

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"Mr. Towne is very acceptable to Mr.
Bryan. So am I. If Mr. Towne is thought
to be the better man by the leaders, I will
withdraw for him. We understand each withdraw for him. We understand each other perfectly, and Mr. Bryan understands us. Mr. Towne has the advantage of already being on two tickets, but I claim to offset that by being strong in the east, and particularly in my own state and city."

Mr. Sulzer's friends claimed that several states had come to his standard today, and that he was continually gaining. His quar-ters were filled with delegates from dif-ferent states, and he was kept busy shak-ing hands and taiking to state leaders.

Tammany for Any Old Ticket. New York state's headquarters, in abso

ute quiet this morning, gave practical confirmation of the story that the delegation had determined to let the west dominate and conduct the convention. There were very few of the New York delegates about during the morning, and those who were asserted very firmly: "We don't care asserted very firmly: what they do." The second Tammany Hall delegation arrived about 4 o'clock this morning, and they were too tired to care much about the situation. Mr. Croker, asked to give his views on the situation, said today:

"I don't know anything about it. We're for the ticket, and the platform, whatever they are," and one of his lieutenants, P. F. Trainor added:

"We're letting Bryan's friends run it."

Elliot Danforth was not disposed to talk, merely remarking: "I know that I am mentioned, but I am not putting forth any effort. I am inclined to believe that the real contest is between Mr. Sulzer and Mr. Towne."

Towne."

The New York delegation is to meet this afternoon and one of the significant rumors of the morning is to the effect that Senator Patrick H. McCarren of Brooklyn is to be the selection for member of the committee on resolutions, so that Hill will not be compelled to put himself on record on the platform or to object to any of its promises. One thing is absolutely supported. omises. One thing is absolutely sure d that is that the delegation will refuse give in any way expression to its view as to a vice presidential candidate. Ever Mr. Sulzer admits this, although he says that he has the support of Richard Croker and Edward Murphy.

Protest Against Trust Magnates.

A circular on the street this morning is signed by a committee representing the hicago platform democrats of New York. and urges the convention to refuse to seat Richard Croker, John F. Carroll, Mayor Van Wyck, Judge Van Wyck, Corporation Counsel John Whalen, Board of Aldermer President Guggenheimer, on the ground that they are shareholders in the "American ice trust," and no one knows in how many other trusts, and David B. Hill is the principal attorney for other trusts and the destroyer of the Ulster county Chicago platform petition in 1897."

Senator Tillman of South Carolina was Senator Tillman of South Carolina was among today's early arrivals. He immediately announced himself for Towne for Vice President, but said he did not consider it necessary to make specific declaration on the ratio when declaring for sliver. "With Bryan at the head of the ticket," he said, "we need no platform. His position is such that no man can question it."

Harrison Not a Candidate. "I don't want it; I won't take it; I would ot have it," said Mayor Harrison of Chicago today, when asked if he was a candidate for the vice presidency. "I am not looking for anything," he con-

"But some of the Illinois delegation are

"But some of the Illinois delegation are for you for Vice President."
"Well," said the mayor, "they'd better get off, and get off quick and get with the winner. Illinois wants a man from the east and a man from New York. I am for Eliot Danforth, and for him strong, and I believe the support of the Illinois delegation will be given him. I think he is the strongest man the convention can name."

MR. KERR'S VIEW OF PLATFORM. Favors Free Coinage of Silver at "the Legal Ratio."

OMAHA, Neb., July 3.-A special to th World-Herald from Lincoln, Neb., says:
"Things are shaping up well in Kansar City and the construction of the platform is practically decided. It will reaffirm the Chicago platform and have an additiona plank setting out specifically free coinage of silver at the legal ratio, and will als have an additional plank on the trust ques

The above are the words of James Kern of Clearfield, Pa. Mr. Kerr was decidedly enthusiastic over the prospects for har

enthusiastic over the prospects for harmony on all questions at Kansas City and the probability of Bryan's ultimate election with a comfortable working majority in the House to assist him.

"As to the vice presidency, our delegation has not had a meeting yet and I cannot say just where we will stand, but personally I am favorable to Shively," continued Mr. Kerr. "Our state platform reaffirms the Chicago platform without a specific reiteration of the money plank; but we will stand for reiteration at Kansas City."

Big Battle Ship Expected to Beach PortsArthur.

LIEUT, KEY REPORTS JAPAN'S OFFER

Tendered Any Assistance That Might Be Desired.

SENT VESSEL TO GIVE AID

SHANGHAI, July 2.-The United States battle ship Oregon, which ran ashore off the Island of How-ki in the Miac-Tao group, thirty-five miles northeast of Chefoo, June 28, has been floated off, and is expected to reach Port Arthur safely.

Secretary Long this morning received the following cable message from Lieutenant A. L. Key, naval attache at the United States legation at Tokio, Japan, in regard to the docking of the Oregon:
"TOKIO, July 3, 1900.

"Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.: "Por. Arthur too narrow. If Oregon cannot dock at Nagasaki, Japanese navy department tenders the use of either Kure or Yokoksuka docks. Offers any resistance desired. Has ordered Akitisushima from Chefoo to the Oregon. Have cable Wilde offer of docks. KEY."

"(Signed)

The naval efficials are disappointed at the statement that the regon cannot be docked at Port Arthur, as that place is only about sixty miles distant from where she struck, and the ship could probably have been towed across in a few hours and with the slightest temporary repairs. Nagasaki is 600 miles distant, but can still be reached by the Oregon without entering far outside of the tolerably smooth waters of the Gulf of Pechili. If the docks there are too small, then she must push on to Yokoksuka docks. These are located just below Yokohama in the harbot. The Kure docks referred to are supposed to be the Kobe docks. The difficulty in the case of the Oregon is owing to the fact that she is fitted with bilgs and docking keels, making her very broad in cross sections at the bottom, and consequently unsuited to even large dry docks of the ordinary construction.

The Japanese vessel Akitsushima, which Lieutenant Key reported as going to the help of the Oregon, is the famous cruiser which covered herself with renown at the battle of Yalu.

Lieutenant Key's very existence was brought to Hebri in a curious feasion. The naval officials are disappointed at the

Lieutenant Key's very existence was brought to light in a curious fashion. Upon brought to light in a curious fashion. Upon notice of the Oregon's accident, a message was dispatched in a formal manner to the United States naval attache at Tokio, to see what could be done in the way of getting assistance to the ship, and after the message had been sent, the fact was recalled that the naval attache at Tokio was also accredited in the same capacity to Pekin, and the officials, feeling sure that Key was at the latter capital, regarded the money as spent in cable toils, and the Tokio message as wasted. Therefore, Lieutenant Key's message direct from Tokio, and assuring the department that he at least was free from the perils of the legation staff at Pekin, came as a pleasant surprise.

APPOINTED TO WEST POINT.

Presidential Selections for Admission to the Military Academy. Under the sot of June 6, 1900, providing for ten additional cadets to West Point from the United States at large, the President has appointed the following named persons for admission this year;

William Stuart Dowd, son of Mr. Heman Dowd of New York city. Thomas Duncan, son of Major Joseph W. Duncan, 13th Infantry.

Louis Neilson, grandson of the late Rear Admiral C. R. P. Rodgers, United States navy. navy.

Roger D. Black, son of Major William M.
Black, Corps of Engineers.

Joseph W. Stillman of Yonkers, N. Y.
Sherman D. Chambers of West View,

Henry S. Hoss of Nashville, Tenn., son of he Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor Christian the Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, editor Christian Advocate. Henry J. Reilly, jr., son of Captain Henry

Henry J. Reilly, 7th, son of Captain Henry J. Reilly, 5th Artillery, Kenzie B. Edmunds, son of Major Frank H. Edmunds, 1st Infantry, who recently died in Cuba of yellow fever.

Francis W. Honeycutt, son of the late Esplain J. T. Honeycutt, 6th Artillery, who died in Florida in 1898 of typhold fever.

Alternates—First, Robert Madison Campbell of Maryland; second, Win. F. L. Simport Code Motor W. A. Simport A. bell of Maryland; second, Wm. F. L. Simpson, son of Major W. A. Simpson, A. A. G. U. S. A.; third, Julius V. Vaile, fr., of St. Louis, Mo.; fourth, Pearson Sands, son of Captain G. H. Sands, 6th Cavalry; fifth, Bruce B. Butler, son of Captain W. C. Butler, 3d Infantry; sixth, Richard N. La Garde, son of Major L. A. La Garde, surgeon, U. S. A.; seventh, Jacob G. Goldenson of New York; eighth, Chas. L. Williams, son of Major C. A. Williams, 17th Infantry; ninth, C. A. Russell, son of Lieutenant Colonel Geo. B, Russell, U. S. A., and grandson of the late General C. C. Augur; Pelham E. Glassford, son of Major W. A. Glassford, Signal Corps.

Appointments for vacancies to occur by graduation in 1901—Sherman Miles, son of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles.

graduation in 1901—Sherman Miles, son of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles. John P. Bubb, son of Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Bubb, 12th Infantry. Alternates—First, Arthur R. Joyce of Min-neapolis, Minn.: second, John B. G. McClure, son of Major Chas. McClure, paymas-ter, U. S. A. Appointments for District of Columbia— Lloyd Burns Magruder; alternate, J. W.

Local Appointments.

Young Magruder is a son of Dr. G. L. Magruder of 815 Vermont avenue. He spent two years at the New York Military Academy and one year at the Western High School and is now a student at the George town University. He has always evidenced a strong inclination to a military life and his application for the West Point Academy was strongly indorsed by several senaters and high government officials. Young Churchill is a son of James C.

Churchill, assistant chief of the division of requisitions and accounts, War Department, and is well known as the commanding officer of Company B of the Washington High School Cadets, which won the prize pennant at the competitive drill this spring. That company had heretofore been known as a "hoodoo" company and was not thought to have a chance of winning the prize. Young Churchill determined to bring the company to the front, however, and succeeded to an eminent degree. He first secured the captaincy of the company by competition and then devoted his entire spare time to the study of military science and tactics, even going so far as to visit the drill grounds and measuring off every foot of the space to be traversed by the cadets in their maneuvers. His efforts were rewarded and his company won the prize. Captain Castner of the regular army, who was one of the judges, said the company Churchill, assistant chief of the division of

BRITISH TROOPS AT FRANKFORT.

They Find Wounded Who Have Been in Hands of Boers.

LONDON, July 3.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon at the war

ffice from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, July 3.-Gen. Hunter reached Frankfort July 1 without opposition, and MacDonald joined him yesterday. found two men of the Seaforths and eighteen of the Derby militia in the hospital. They had been well treated by the Boers. "Methuen reports from Paardekraal, on the Heilborn Kroonstad road, that he has captured the commander of DeWet's Scouts, two other prisoners and Andreis Wessels, the head of the Africander bund.

Gone to Admiral Philip's Funeral. Secretary Long went to Annapolis this fternoon to attend the funeral there of the late Admiral Philip. He was accom-

DIRECTOR MERRIAM'S DECISION RE GARDING THE "CARD PUNCHERS."

Step to Increase Efficiency of the Bu reau-Promises to Have the Census Ready December 1.

There will be great thanksgiving amor the "card punchers" at the census offic when it is known that Director Merrian has concluded to include them in the list of those entitled to promotion. At first is was thought that \$50 per month would be the maximum salary paid for this class o work, but Director Merriam has decided that those clerks who prove themselves efficient will be recognized by promotions This will be an incentive for the puncher to put forth their best efforts, and bring he counting of the census out on scheduled time. For Director Merriam proposes to be ready by the 1st day of December, if he has to work three sets of clerks of eight

hours each.

"This census must be ready by December 1, and I propose to have it ready," said Director Merriam to a reporter of The Star. Meanwhile everything is moving like clock work at the census office. The great army, now numbering over 2,000, is at work in earnest, and each day finds the work further advanced. No lotterers will be tolerated in this census. Wherever a clerk is found inefficient he is promptly removed. This method, it is understood, will be strictly followed out, notwithstanding the influence at work. All the punchers must reach a certain degree of efficiency in the number of cards punched. There are hundreds here in Washington waiting, even begging, for an opportunity to work. This reserve force may, at any time he drawn more

or cards punched. There are hundreds here in Washington waiting, even begging, for an opportunity to work. This reserve force may, at any time be drawn upon. The waiting list numbers over 2,000, every one of whom has passed the examination and is properly indorsed. When vacancies occur this force will be called upon. Schedules are coming in by the wagon load every day, and as fast as they are received clerks take them up and properly place them for the punchers. Each day additional punchers are put to work. They are taken from the awkward squad as fast as they prove competent. Since Director Merriam ordered the whitewashing of the glass roof and the installation of curtains the blinding glars of the sun has been materially diminished and the clerks are much more comfortable. But the rooms are not yet cool enough, and it is the intention of the director to put in additional electric fans and provide means for exhausting the hot air and keeping up a circulation. When this is done it is believed the rooms will be much more comfortable.

The clamor for promotions is not as greet. the Dakotas and Minnesota are expected to give a basis for more confident and improved spring wheat prospects. The industrials all showed a little improvement. A further advance of 10 cents per 100 pounds in refined sugars did not materially affect the price of Sugar stock in the early trading—the pool at work in that specialty letting the stock drift along at about yesterday's highest level, with the expectation, no doubt, of increasing the short interest. Toward noon the market yielded a little from the best prices of the earlier trading—but the undertone remained strong and buyers took advantage of the little reaction to increase their holdings.

The clamor for promotions is not as great is it was some weeks ago. Then the ma-ority of the clerks were insisting upon adjority of the clerks were insisting upon advancement in sajary, and the pressure brought to bear was well night unbearable. When at length the clerks were brought to realize that there would be no promotions but upon merit, and were given to understand that efforts made in that direction would prejudice their case, there was a quick falling off. The department has not been slow to recognize merit, and there have been a great many promotions. But in every instance it was deserved.

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The schedules for Washington are all in and are now being counted. It is the first completed city to send in returns, and the punchers are now at work summing up. It is expected the official count will be ready in a few days.

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There are few appointments being made nowadays. The only available positions are those denominated "punchers," and it will require only about 400 more to complete the list. They will all be appointed this month. They have been selected, in fact, and many notified to report. As heretofore stated, all examinations have closed and the examining force has been distributed among the several departments. among the several departments.

SETS ALL LONDON AGOG.

William Waldorf Astor Publishes ar Unwelcome Guest.

inces.

Another gratifying sign, not to be lost sight of, is the settlements going on in the labor troubles which have disturbed business in all sections of the country for some time past. The big labor strike in Chicago was settled a short while ago and yesterday the St. Louis street car strike, running along some fifty-six days, was settled. A turn in the market for the better, if not already here, seems close at hand, and in this connection it may be well not to lose sight of the fact that midsummer reactions always bring investment and speculative LONDON, July 3.-Mr. William Waldorf Astor has set all London talking by publishing in his own paper, the Pall Mail Gazette, the following paragraph:

"We are desired to make known that the presence of Captain Sir Berkeley Milne of Naval and Military Club, Picadilly, at Mr. Astor's concert last Thursday evening

As Captain Milne is one of the most dis tinguished naval officers and a member of the best clubs and a former commander the royal yacht Osborne, no end of specu-lation has been caused by the remarkable announcement. The Astors' concert war announcement. The Astors' concert valargely attended, and those questioned a representative of the Associated Proild not notice Captain Milne. But as can be learned, nothing occurred during the entertainment to justify Mr. Astor's present action. In fact, it is freely stated that Mr. Astor was pretty bold in making the assertion that a man so well known in London, although, perhaps, not personally invited by Mr. Astor, did not come in some

invited by Mr. Astor, did not come in some one else's party.

The papers comment on Mr. Astor's dragging in one particular club to which Captain Milne belonged, as if Mr. Astor, it is pointed out, had a grudge against it as well as against Captain Milne, and the general opinion is that Captain Milne is not likely to submit to such a slur without taking some action.

ATHLETES PERISH IN STORM.

W. B. Curtis and Allan Ormsbee Kill-ed on Mt. Washington. FAYBANS, N. H., July 3.—The first fatal-

ty on Mount Washington in ten years took place as the result of the frightful storm ast Saturday, when W. B. Curtis, sixtythree years old, and Allan Ormsbee, about thirty years, both of New York, and both experienced athletes, lost their lives on the Crawford bridle path. Their bodies were found today by the members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, now at the sum nit for their annual field meeting.

Curtis was formerly one of the best known athletes in America, acting as re-feree at nearly all intercollegiate sports feree at nearly all intercollegiate sports and amateur athletics for many years, and was one of the founders of the New York Athletic Club. He was an expert mountain climber. Ormsbee, a member of the Crescent Athletic Association of Brooklyn,

Action to Recover Alleged Debt. Proceedings in libel were instituted to Court of the District of Columbia by Chas W. Scott against the schooner United, nov lying at the 11th street wharf. The action is to recover \$13.04 claimed to be due for grocerles and supplies alleged to be due the libellant by the master of the schooner.

Washington Stock Exchange.

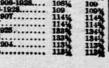
Sales-regular call, 12 o'clock m.—U. S. Sa, coupon, \$300 at 100. D. C. 3.65s, 350 at 120. Capital Traction 4s, \$500 at 106%, \$500 at 106%. West End National Bank, 1 at 117, 1 at 118. Capital Traction, 20 at 102%, 10 at 108, 20 at 102%, Washington Gas, 25 at 50%, 25 at 150%, 10 at 150%, 10 at 150%, 10 at 150%, 10 at 50%, 10 Estate Bequeathed to Wife. The will of the late Samuel B. Brackett dated the 6th of last month, was filed today for probate. The estate is bequeathe to his wife, Josephine Brackett, who i Summer Resort Information

Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, jr., well known in this city, is now located at Atlantic City, where he is prepared to furnish informa-tion and rates at all the hotels, cottages &c., advertised in The Star.

Baltimore Markets

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BALTIMORE, July 3.—Floor inactive and lower; western super, \$2.50a\$2.60; do. extra, \$2.80a\$3.25; do. family, \$3.50a\$3.85; winter wheat patent, \$3.95 a\$4.25; spring wheat patent, \$4.35a\$4.65; spring wheat straight, \$4.10a\$4.30; receipts, 14.577 harels; exports, \$4.66 harrels; wheat itsedder; spot and the month, 78a78½; August, 79½a79½; steamer No. 2 red, 78a78½; receipts, 62.522 barrels; southern by sample, 70a80; do. on grade, 75a79. Confirmer; mixed, spot and the month, 47½a47½; August, 47½a47½; September, 47½; steamer mixed, 48¼a46½; receipts, 115.205 bushels; exports, 94.266 bushels; southern white corn, 40 asked; do, yellow, 48 asked. Oats dull and easier; No. 2 white, 30½a3; No. 2 mixed 27½a28. Rye nominally easier; No. 2 mestry, 56; No. 2 western, 60; stocks, 22.751 bushels. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, \$16.50 asked. Grain freights very quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 2½d, July; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3a.64, July. Sagar very firm; fine and coarse granulated, 5.90½, Chaese steady, unchanged. Butter steady, unchanged.



OREGON FLOATED OFF ELIGIBLE TO PROMOTION FINANCE AND TRADE

Stocks Had a Buoyant Tendency at the Opening.

DUE TO FOREIGN QUOTATIONS

at a Raid Later.

NEW YORK, July 3.-In the London se-

curities market this morning American rail-

way shares were steady to strong, but

The Berlin market was quiet, with north-

ern Pacific issues ruling a shade better

The local stock market opened quietly

ut with a very buoyant feeling predom-

inating. Prices showed advances of from 1/2 to 1/2 over Monday's closing figures. Some

ommission buying was reported and the

ears did a little more covering. London

was not a factor in the trading, though, as

was the case yesterday, it was a moderate

The coal stocks, with Jersey Central in

the lead, was one of the strongest features

of the early trading. The large export de-

talk of a consolidation of anthracite in-terests were the factors of strength.

The grangers were in better demand for both accounts, because of distinctly better crop advices from the west. The rains in the Dakotas and Minnesota are expected to

rading-but the advantage of the little re-action to increase their holdings. In the afternoon trading the bears were a little more active and tried to force a re-active movement in prices, but the

actionary movement in prices, but the strength of the coalers and the support de-veloped in the general list held prices very steady, considering the amount of real business done.

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Some prominent railroad men just returned from extended trips through the west are declaring that the pessimistic views taken of the western railroad situation are greatly overdrawn and are by no means warranted by the real facts.

While admitting there has been serious injury to crops in some sections of the west.

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tions in that part of the country show such phenomenally good crops that the damage done in spots is more than made good. These men look, also, for continued prosperity, and say that prices all along the line are being adjusted to suit changed conditions; that the mad rush of overproduction has ceased, and that the railroads will very soon be able to purchase new equipments, rolling stock, &c., at fair, non-speculative prices, thereby considerably lessen.

ments, rolling stock, &c., at fair, non-spec ulative prices, thereby considerably lessen-ing expenses incident thereto. This, too seems to be the case in other lines of bus

ways bring investment and speculative buying, the outside public, as a rule, preferring to wait until prices have advanced considerably before acquiring enough courage to buy stocks. A majority of the largest commission houses are looking for a further improvement in the market.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market.

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C. C. & St. Louis.
Chicago, B. & Q.
Chic. & Northwestern.
Chicago Gas.
C. M. and St. Paul.
Chicago R. I. & Pacific.
Chic. & P. M. & O.
Chic. & G. Western.

Colorado Fuel and Iron

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Missouri Paeifie.

M. K. & T., pfd.

National Lead Co.

New Jersey Central.

New York Central.

N. Y.Ontario & Western

Northern Paeifie.

Northern Paeifie, pfd.

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Pennsylvania R. R.
Phila & Reading 1stpfd
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Washington Stock Exchange.

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pecial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

without special feature.

han London quotations.

Bears Made Unsuccessful Attempt
 Sept.
 23% 4
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 CHICAGO, July 8.
 -Provisions:
 Open.
 High.

 Pork Sept.
 12.36
 13.06
 13.06

 Lard Sept.
 6.95
 7.02
 7.00

 Ribs Sept.
 7.12
 7.20
 7.00

 NEW YORK, July 8.
 Opton:
 High.

 August.
 9.39
 9.45
 8.69
 8.79

 October.
 8.35
 8.45
 January.
 8.15
 8.23
 GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

City and Suburban, 82 bid, 40 asked. George and Tenleytown, 20 bid. leorgetown Gas, 52% bid, 53 asked.
Telephone Stocks.—Chesapeake and Parked.
Miscella.

bid, 70 asked.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linot 1804, bid, 1804, asked. Lanston Monotype, 12%, 13%, asked. American Graphophone, 11%, bid, asked. American Graphophone preferred, 12%, 13 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 12 bid, asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 155 178 asked.

THE SUMMER CRUISE.

Interesting correspondence has passed be-

Under date of June 30, 1900, James M. Love, adjutant general of the District mill. tia, forwarded the following communication addressed to him by Commander Robert T

Commander Hains' Views.

Adjutant General, D. C. M. Sir: Replying to your communication of

the 25th instant requesting my views on the relative value of the instruction gained

on the militia officers, but the cruise on the U. S. S. Prairie, as I am informed from the experience of last summer, is in the nature of an examination rather than instruction. It is true that the enlisted men are given opportunities for target practice under the direction of their own officers; and while the value of such practice cannot be overestimated, yet the officers themselves are often in great need of individual instructions in such exercises, as also in the various branches relating to duties of naval officers, as, for instance, the control of the deck, navigation, etc. From the cruise of last summer, as I am informed, the militia officers have had no fair opportunity of handling the ship as deck officers, nor have they been given instruction in navigation, ordnance and boats. It is true, I am also informed, that they were called upon to work out the ship's position daily by the usual time sights and meridian altitudes, but as to the manner and most approved form of doing this they were not instructed in the proper sense of that term.

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In expressing my opinion on this matter, I take the liberty also of calling your attention to the present condition of the U. S. S. Onelda, which has been loaned to the Naval Battalion of the District of Columbia, and also to note the policy of the Navy Department in the matter of placing the Oneida in the proper serviceable condition. As the Oneida stands today, she is quite useless to the Naval Battalioh, and it would require considerable labor and the expenditure of some funds to place her in proper repair. It has occurred to me, therefore, that a short cruise on the U.S. Fern might yet leave sufficient funds available to place the Oneida, if not in the best, at least in serviceable condition, a fact that cannot be accomplished if the prefact that cannot be accomplished if the pre-

Navy Department Notified. This communication was indorsed by Ad-

necessities of the naval battalion ar The necessities of the naval battalion are such as to compel the commanding general to notify the department that the battalion cannot take the cruise on the U. S. S. Prairie. The limited funds at his disposal will permit a practice cruise on the U. S. S. Fern, and, later, there will probably be another cruise for one division on the U. S. S. Oneida, as soon as the latter ship is fitted for active service.

secretary of the navy to the commanding

WASHINGTON, July 2, 1800.

Brigadier General George H. Harries, D. C. M., commanding District of Columbia Militis, Washington, D. C.:

Sir: Your action in the matter of taking a cruise upon the U. S. S. Prairie, fixed for

By merest accident the commanding officer of the Prairie, at Philadelphia, found out unofficially, at the last moment, that there was doubt whether you would enforce the order entered into between your organization and the department.

On the morning of June 30 the commanding officer of the Prairie was in a state of anxiety with regard to putting the necessary stores on board to fulfill the duty of being at Piney Point to take on board the District battalion on July 3. By the use of the telephone and the telegraph this department was made aware that this arrangement was not likely to be enforced. It is hardly necessary to say that such conduct reflects no credit upon a military organization. Whatever reason may have existed for your change of views, that change should have been communicated to the department in ample season to provide against the results that have now been incurred. Respectfully, F. W. HACKETT, Assistant Secretary.

Will Refrain From Discourtesy. To a Star reporter, who showed Gen Harries Secretary Hackett's letter, the sen eral said: "I have not received the assi

asked. Norfolk a 175 asked. z Ez. dividend. Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets. CHICAGO, July 8.—Grain: Open. CHICAGO, July 8.—Grain:
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Why the Trip on the Prairie Was Given Up.

tween officers of the District militia and Assistant Secretary Hackett of the Navy Department in reference to the Naval Battallion of the District.

Hains, commanding the Naval Battalion;

the relative value of the instruction gained by a cruise on the U. S. S. Prairie, under the direction of naval officers, and a like cruise on the U. S. S. Fern, under the com-mand of the Naval Battalion officers, I have the honor to state as follows: No doubt is entertained in my mind as to the value of instructions derived from ex-perience and under the guidance of com-petent naval officers, provided an effort is made on the part of such officers to place responsibilities and commands temporarily on the militia officers, but the cruise on the U. S. S. Prairie, as I am informed from the experience of last summer, is in the nature

I am not unmindful of the great benefits to be derived to the militin officers by contact with their duties aboard ship under the guidance of competent naval officers, the guidance of competent naval officers, yet I am of the opinion that under the practice as at present carried out that the militia officers gain very little, if any, useful information. Under these conditions it is clear to my mind that a proper cruise on the U. S. S. Fern, where the militia officers will be called upon to stand regular watches as deck officers, to perform duties of navigator and executive officers and to take entire charge of all matters pertaining to the handling and safety of the ship under their charge, they will derive far more and lasting benefits than can be secured by the character of cruise now afforded them on the U. S. S. Prairie.

It is my opinion that for the short time in which the officers are aboard ship during the cruise they should be given entire command and control of all matters pertaining to the naval officer's duties. At the same time a careful supervision of their conduct and capacities in these matters should be had to the end that the safety of the ship and the lives intrusted to their care may be secured. Placed upon their own resources, the necessities of the case would, in my opinion, develop the militia officers far more by a cruise on the U. S. S. Fern than on the proposed cruise on the U. S. S. Prairle, under the conditions which I understand are imposed. yet I am of the opinion that under the

best, at least in serviceable condition, fact that cannot be accomplished if the precibed cruise on the U. S. S. Prairie we carried out. Very respectfully,

(Signed) ROBERT T. HAINS,

Commander, N. B., D. C. M.

intant General Love as follows: Respectfully forwarded by the command-ing general to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Hankett's Caustic Comment. The correspondence closed with the fol-lowing caustic letter from the assistant

general of the District militia: "WASHINGTON, July 2, 1900.

July 8 to 10, has surprised this department.

A letter was addressed to you on April 14 last, setting forth, in detail, the arrangements carefully prepared for allowing the naval militia of the District, as well as of naval militia of the District, as well as of the several states, an opportunity for a drill period on board the Prairie. You were distinctly informed of the place and date. By your reply of April 19 you informed the department that the proper orders would be given to the battalion under your command to insure its attendance fully equipped at the time and place named. This department had no reason to imagine that any other action would be taken than that fixed so long ago as the 19th of April last.

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and August. 1900. Wednesday being a legal holiday the exchange adjourned until Thursday, July 5,
District of Columbta Bonda.—8a, 1902, 30-year
funding, 102 bid. 7a, 1901, water stock, 102 bid.
Miscellaneous Bonds.—Capital Traction 4a, 108 bid.
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bid. Washington Market list 6e, 110 bid. Masonia
Hall Association 5a, 106 bid. 112 asked. American
Graphophone deb. 5a, 100 bid.
Vashington Market list 6e, 110 bid. Masonia
Hall Association 5a, 106 bid. Second. 156 bid.
National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 265
bid. Metropolitan, 255 bid. Countral, 200 bid.
Farmers and Mechanics', 200 bid. Second. 156 bid.
Ontred. West End., 117 bid., 119 asked. Traders', 125 bid., 130 asked. Lincoln, 115 bid.
Traders', 130 bid. All Columbia, 105 bid. Parmklin, 306 bid. Second 156 bid.
Farmers and Trust, 135 bid., 155 asked. Washington Safe Deposit and Trust, 135 bid., 155 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 78 bid., 76 asked.
Title Insurance Stocks.—Flyemen's, 20 bid. Second. 156 bid.
Arilington, 134 bid. 140 asked. German-American, 200 bid. Parinklin, 306 bid. On Parinklin, 307 bid. 156 bid. Second. 166 bid.
Arilington, 134 bid. 69 asked. Commercial, 4 bid. 3 asked. Commercia secretary's epistle. When I do I will answer it. Will it be given out? Not by me. You will have to get it at the Navy Department. I have not yet learned to be even officially discourteous."

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3 per cents, registered. 1908-1928.
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9 per cents, registered, 1924. panied by these officers, who will serve as palibearers: Admiral Terry, Admiral Cotton, Admiral Higginson, Paymaster General Kenney and Admiral Rodgers. Captain Cook, who will serve as the sixth palibearer, is already in Annapolis. NEW YORK, July 3.—Among the passe gers who arrived today per steamer Al lianca from Colon were Francis A. Gudger, United States vice consul at Panama, and Sir Harold Courtney.